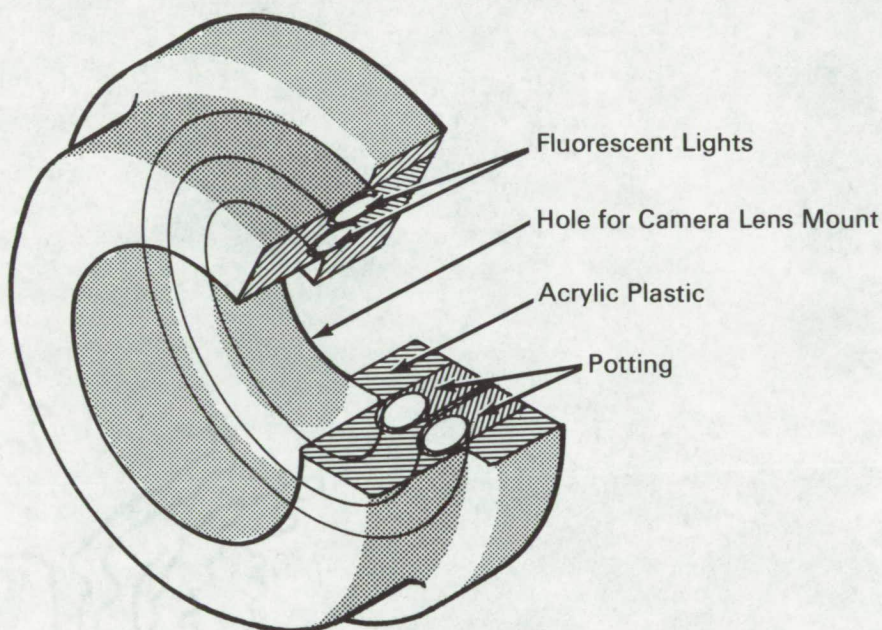


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Circular, Explosion-Proof Lamp Provides Uniform Illumination



The problem:

To design an explosion-proof lamp that can be fitted around a TV camera lens to provide shadowless illumination with a relatively low radiant heat flux.

The solution:

Circular fluorescent lamps mounted in a transparent acrylic housing sealed with clear silicone rubber.

How it's done:

The housing and sealing materials, which were chosen for their optical and out-gassing properties,

form a toroidal assembly around the circular fluorescent lamps.

The toroidal lamp fixture is fitted around the camera lens to provide uniform illumination in the camera's field of view. Since the lamp fixture and camera move together, the areas being photographed will always be exposed to uniform, shadowless illumination.

Notes:

1. This lamp may be used in areas requiring explosion-proof lighting, such as hospital operating rooms.

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2. Inquiries concerning this innovation may be directed to:

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